

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2003, the above amendments to the claims have been made. No new matter has been added. Examination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Election

Applicants herein elect, with traverse, Group I for examination, which contains Claims 1-18 and 20-21. Traversal is on the grounds that Claim 19 recites the following elements which are present in at least one or more of Claims 1-18 and 20-21: electrical connectors, touch regions, keys, and a matrix. While rows and columns are part of a matrix, Claim 4, for example, further recites that the membrane includes a matrix for the touch regions and keys for determining association of electrical connectors. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that examination of Claims 1-18 and 20-21 would include searches in art that would cover the subject matter of Claim 19. Reconsideration of this restriction is respectfully requested.

Newly Added Claim

Claim 22 has been newly added to depend from Claim 3. No new matter has been added. Examination of this additional claim is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Group I has been elected with traverse. Examination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Any fees associated with this Restriction are dealt with in the accompanying transmittal sheet.

In furtherance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at any time during examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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